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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, General Services

SUBJECT: Comments on the Survey of Shipping and Procurement Procedures

REFERENCE: Memo of 26 February 1952 to Chief, General Services from , Subject: Survey of Shipping and Procurement Procedures

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1. Reference is made to the survey of shipping and procurement procedures forwarded to this Office for comment.

2. The Office of Special Operations is not the principle party in this study since the majority of our transportation problems and needs are not in the military field. We do, however, have a strong interest in the subject matter since the Shipping Branch is one of our primary support offices. It is a considered opinion that the change of organization as contemplated is not advisable based on the following:

a. The recommended transfer is predicated primarily upon the large volume of military supplies which are presently being processed. Although this is recognized as a large part of the work load, it is nevertheless mandatory that shipping channels in other fields be maintained for the support of the Office of Special Operations type activity. This can best be accomplished under present organization.

b. The present organization has functioned satisfactorily for a number of years and it is a considered opinion that the transfer to the Procurement Office, where supervision would be exercised primarily by individuals engaged in procurement and supply activity, would react to the detriment of the Office of Special Operations.

c. The contemplated organizational change is at complete variance with the large majority of civilian and governmental organizations where transportation is a separate entity.

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3. The staff study in question concentrates on military problems. In so doing, it does not recognize the full responsibility of the Transportation Division. It is suggested that a solution to the present problem be sought in the establishment of a military branch of the Transportation Division to work in close coordination and proximity to that branch of the Procurement Office which is most closely concerned with the problems at hand.

FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS:



Acting Chief, Administration

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